LSTA Grants Awarded April 2015

Digital Imaging Grants - $211,166

Carter County Library- $10,437
The library will digitize newspapers published in Carter County covering the years 1884 through 1994. This project will provide access to the region's history, immigrant populations, politics, agriculture, industrial advances, and family life of interest to genealogists, historians and library patrons.

Curtis Laws Wilson Library, Missouri University of Science and Technology- $21,881
The library will digitize issues of the *Rolla Weekly Herald* from 1877 through 1953. In addition, the library will digitize the *Pulaski County Democrat* from 1901-1917; the *Webb City Register* from 1903 to 1917; and the *Walnut Grove Tribune* from 1904-1918. Materials selected will demonstrate the influential roles of Missouri women as editors and proprietors, Missouri mining, and reflect events that impacted the development of Rolla, Waynesville, Walnut Grove, and Webb City.

Hickory County Public Library-$8,809
The library will digitize newspapers covering the years 1895 to 1964. The publications are from Hermitage and Hickory counties. This project will provide access to the region's history, family life, politics, and industrial advances of interest to genealogists, historians and library patrons.

Marion County Library District-$15,722
The library will digitize newspapers published in Marion County covering the years 1884 through 1955. The publications include the *Palmyra Spectator* from 1923 through 1941, the *Palmyra Spectator* including *The Missouri Whig* from 1839 through 1853; the *Southern Sentinel* from 1856 through 1858; the *Marion County Herald* from 1883 through 1925; and the *Marion County Standard* from 1933 through 1941.

Scenic Regional Library-$26,601
The library will digitize newspapers published from Gasconade, Franklin, and Warren counties covering the years 1843 through 1966. Materials selected will cover the early settlement of Daniel Boone to the immigrations of German settlers illustrating how this region helped define Missouri's early statehood.

Springfield-Greene County Library District-$74,694
The project will continue the next phase in the digitization of documents pertaining to Missouri's World War I history. This phase will digitize 101 collections from 14 institutions and 2 private collections. Materials selected will represent Missouri mule and horse industry, civilian support efforts through the Red Cross, service of the Missouri National Guard on the Mexican Border, surviving military records of Missouri soldiers, and the memorialization of Missouri soldiers.

St. Louis Mercantile Library at University of Missouri-St. Louis- $53,022
The library will complete the second phase in the digitizing of St. Louis City directories currently unavailable online. This phase will include 52 directories from the city of St. Louis and several regional municipalities. The project will provide researchers with an expanded pool of data , and give the public access to a an extensive online collection of historical St. Louis and Missouri directories.

Library Service Improvement Grants: $56,284

Daniel Boone Regional Library- $22,771
The library will replace Library to Go locker systems in Hallsville and Holts Summit. The equipment being replaced is using an operating system that will no longer be supported by the manufacturer. Replacement of the equipment will provide efficient and reliable library service to patrons who live at least 20 miles away from the public library.

Jefferson County Library-$16,415
The library aims to use a community survey as part of its long range strategic planning process. To accomplish this goal, the library will purchase a 12-month subscription to application software to create patron profiles. Ultimately, the library will use the information to develop an online survey and focus group to identify the needs of the community and preferences for library services.

Nevada Public Library-$5,848
The library will create a Maker's Corner for patrons ages twelve through nineteen. The library will design five zones within the Makerspace that will allow teens and adults to: (1) produce audio and video in the "Visionary Zone"; (2) create and work with textiles and crafting supplies in the "Crafty Zone;" (3) work and experiment with technology and circuity in the "Hacker Zone;" (4) explore culinary creations in the "Delish Zone;" and (5) build projects with tools in the "Engineer Zone."

St. Louis County Library- $11,250
The library will provide Sensitivity/Inclusion training to all library staff to assist in reducing the number of misunderstandings and creating a positive relationship among library staff and patrons. To complete this task, the library will hold 30 workshops that will provide information about improving communication between different generations, gender difference in the library, and provide an introduction to effectively working with members of the LGBT community.

Racing to Read Grants: $8,305

McDonald County Library- $4,860
The library will promote early literacy within the community by providing a family literacy night at the Pineville, Noel, and Southwest City branches. In addition, the library will conduct two workshops to train child care providers and others in Every Child Ready to Read 2. The family literacy nights will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills used at home. The library will also conduct outreach visits to a local health clinic where staff will discuss the importance of early literacy activities with staff and clients.

Neosho/Newton County Library- $3,445
The library will offer six early literacy programs at partnering Head Start and Parents As Teachers locations in Seneca, Granby and Neosho, and provide three onsite programs at the Neosho and Seneca branches. Each event will incorporate early literacy techniques and provide each family with a book to

keep and materials to reinforce the skills learned for use at home. The project will also enhance the existing early literacy collection with the addition of literacy game kits, and the early literacy section of the library with wooden blocks to engage the children in early literacy skill development.

Spotlight on Literacy Grants- $49,125

Columbia Public Schools- $9,957
The library will partner with the Columbia Reads program in expanding the myON service, a personalized digital reading program for families with children ages 5 years and younger that live in Columbia, Missouri. The program manager hired through the grant will be responsible for program development and implementation, strategic marketing, and the creation of partnerships to facilitate program awareness and encourage usage.

Mid-Continent Public Library- $4,731
The library will continue its Creation Station project by providing Creation Stations at the Excelsior and Grandview branches. Creation Stations provide patrons with the tools and training to learn and explore the world of content creation.

Nevada Public Library- $2,993
The library aims to enhance its services to children six through twelve years of age and families learning English as a Second Language. The library will accomplish this goal by improving its early literacy collection and adding a bilingual early literacy station to the children's department.

Sikeston Public Library- $6,602
The library will partner with the Scott County Juvenile Office to implement an after school book club for ages ten to seventeen. Participants will read a selected book each month, and participate in a book discussion and other activities related to the reading.

St. Louis County Library- $24,842
The library will support individual efforts to increase health literacy by promoting healthy eating and exercise. To achieve this goal, the library will provide classes that emphasize healthy eating and healthy living at the Bridgeton Trails Branch, Florissant Valley Branch, and the Grand Glaize Branch. In addition, classes will incorporate nutrition programs that highlight cooking skills, how to shop for healthy foods, and affordable healthy eating.

Technology Ladder Grants: $186,022

Camden County Library- $7,033
The library will use grant funds to develop Creation Stations for patrons ages 9 and older, young adults, and adults to explore content development and the small scale manufacturing process. To accomplish this goal, Creation Stations providing the tools and training to learn and explore the world of audio and video production and the small scale manufacturing process will be established at the Camdenton Branch.

Doniphan-Ripley County- $13,774
The library will replace an eight station mobile lab, a projection screen, three public access desktop computers, one public access laptop, and one staff computer. The equipment is at end of life and uses an operating system that is no longer supported by the manufacturer. The upgrade will provide efficient and reliable computer service to the library's patrons and operations.

Marshall Public Library- $11,697
The library will replace its obsolete, malfunctioning microfilm reader/printer with one that will provide patrons with a digital reader/printer/scanner with features that address current needs and expectations.The new digital microfilm scanner is expected to enhance image quality, provide faster navigation, and improve patron accessibility, thereby improving customer satisfaction.

Mexico-Audrain County Library-$12,063
The library will replace eleven circulation computers, nine receipt printers, eleven barcode scanners, and two laser printers. The equipment being replaced is either running obsolete operating systems or it has malfunctioned.

Mid-Continent Public Library- $22,633
The library will update 15 microfilm readers, replace a discontinued part on 7 microfilm readers, and provide an adjustable, ADA compliant table for use in the library's microfilm room. The enhancements will provide a higher level of service and improve the experience for patrons utilizing the microfilm reader.

Missouri River Regional Library- $26,365
The library aims to improve its computer service at the main branch in Jefferson City and the Osage branch in Linn. To accomplish this goal, the library will replace 38 computers that are using obsolete operating system with all-in-one computers. Replacement of the equipment will provide efficient and reliable computer service to the library's patrons and operations.

Poplar Bluff Municipal-$16,031
The library will replace its RFID self-checkout system that is at end of life. The new self-checkout system will provide system stability, increase the library's efficiency, and staff to be assigned to other services and programs.

Sikeston Public Library- $15,081
The library's goal is to improve technology used in the children's program area. To achieve this goal, the library will install a projection and sound system for use at programming and presentations in the new children's area. In addition, the library will provide wireless access, purchase computer management software, and upgrade public assess computers and operating software.

Springfield-Greene County Library- $22,072
The library will improve self-service options for the Midtown Carnegie branch by installing two self-checkout stations. The self-checkout stations will maximize independent access to the library's collection, improve staff productivity, and enhance customer service.

St. Charles City-County Library- $31,980
The library will purchase 15 self-checkout stations. The equipment will improve the checkout process for patrons; improve customer satisfaction; and result in greater circulation staff efficiency.

Webster Groves Public Library-$7,293
The library will redesign its website. The new website will be easier for staff members to maintain and allow for more flexible access by patrons as it will include a mobile access component. The library will also purchase an early literacy station, one wireless gateway, and wireless access point to expand its technology-based services.